

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend Claims 1 – 3, 6, 8, 10, and 15 – 16; and add new Claims 19 – 20 as follows:

1. (amended) Contact lens care composition comprising:
0.5 to 4 percent by weight dexpanthenol based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition; and

one or more further constituents selected from the group consisting of buffer substances, substances that affect the tonicity, complexing agents and/or antimicrobial compounds.

2. (twice amended) Contact lens care composition according to claim 1, further comprising D-sorbitol.

3. (twice amended) Contact lens care composition according to claim 6, comprising an aqueous solution comprising 0.5 to 4 percent by weight, of dexpanthenol, based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition.

6. (twice amended) Contact lens care composition comprising dexpanthenol and an antimicrobial agent which is a biguanide.

8. (twice amended) Contact lens care composition according to claim 6, further comprising D-sorbitol, one or more buffer substances, and a complexing agent.

~~10. (twice amended) Contact lens care composition according to claim 6, which further comprises a surface-active substance.~~

15. (twice amended) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens, wherein a contact lens care composition comprising dexpanthenol is brought into contact with a contact lens for a period of time that is sufficient to clean and optionally disinfect said lens.

16. (twice amended) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens according to Claim 15, wherein the contact lens care composition further comprises D-sorbitol.

19. (new) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens according to Claim 15, wherein the contact lens care composition further comprises one or more further constituents selected from the group consisting of buffer substances, substances that affect the tonicity, complexing agents, and/or antimicrobial compounds.

20. (new) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens according

to Claim 16, wherein the contact lens care composition further comprises one or more further constituents selected from the group consisting of buffer substances, substances that affect the tonicity, complexing agents, and/or antimicrobial compounds.

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21. (new) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens, wherein a contact lens care composition according to Claim 6 is brought into contact with a contact lens for a period of time that is sufficient to clean and optionally disinfect said lens.
